

GRAND JURY ASKS MAYOR TO OBTAIN BETTER HELPERS

Urges Choice of Men Who Need No Outside Aid

MAY REFER TO WILSON

Judge Monaghan Makes No Comment—Smith Refuses to Discuss Report

Mayor Smith is urged, in the final report of the April Grand Jury, to get more competent assistants.

While no names were mentioned, it is believed their recommendation is aimed at Director Wilson, of Public Safety.

The hope that the conditions of the last month, when the Government intervened to make Philadelphia clean, would not be revived, was expressed by the jurors.

They say it was time to have men who could remedy conditions without the necessity of intervention by outside power.

The revelations of the vice crusade are regarded by the jurors as a blot on the city.

The "outside power" referred to is Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Hatch, who was delegated by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to take measures to clean up vice.

The grand jurors made their report to Judge Monaghan, Quarter Sessions Court No. 1. A considerable part of the report is confined to discussion of city institutions. Necessity for the appointment of more efficient assistants is made in the following paragraph:

"His Honor the Mayor of Philadelphia is hereby urged to have as his aides and assistants men who will not allow conditions in the city to become such that they have to be revealed by some outside power and be a complete surprise to him, so that the blot of the last month will not be on our city again."

No comment was made on the report by Judge Monaghan. He said it would be referred to the proper authorities.

Informed at his home at Glenside of the recommendation made by the Grand Jury, Mayor Smith said he did not care to make any comment.

HEADS HOUSING DIVISION

Michael J. Kelly Wins Provisional Appointment

Michael J. Kelly, 2240 North Woodcock street, today was provisionally appointed chief of the division of housing and sanitation.

Kelly is a resident of Mayor Smith's own ward—the Twenty-eighth—and has been connected with the housing division twelve years. He succeeds James F. McTear, who resigned several months ago to enter private business.

Michael S. Bennett, vice leader in the Forty-ninth Ward, was originally scheduled for chief of the division, but with four others he failed in the examination held recently for the office.

Kelly, who was assistant in the division at a salary of \$1,000, will serve until an examination provides a permanent chief. It is understood Kelly is Mayor Smith's choice for permanent appointment to the office.

SENATE HITS HARD AT I. W. W.

Passes Measure Virtually Making Organization Impossible

Washington, May 6.—The Senate today passed a bill designed to drive the I. W. W. and kindred organizations out of existence.

The measure imposes a ten-year prison sentence and a \$5,000 fine on any member of an organization that uses or advocates physical force or violence to bring about governmental or economic changes.

Publication of literature intended as propaganda in favor of sabotage and other I. W. W. practices is included.

Any person who rents a hall or meeting place to such organizations is subjected to a year in jail and a \$500 fine.

SEEK \$900,000 NECKLACE

Banker Says Mrs. Bingham Left \$130,000,000 Estate

Lexington, Ky., May 6.—The contest over the inheritance tax alleged to be due from the estate of Mrs. Robert W. Bingham will come up in court again this week.

Attorneys for the State will seek to compel John Stiles, president of the Louisville Trust Company, to name the persons on whose information he based his valuation of the estate at \$130,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

They also will seek information concerning a necklace for which Mrs. Bingham is said to have paid \$900,000, and which was not inventoried.

A Page of Fiction

now is added to the regular features appearing daily in this paper.

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will be found "STEALTHY TERROR," the second installment of a story of German spies intriguing against England.

"DREAMLAND ADVENTURES," a continued story, complete each week, for the children.

ALICE KENT AND THE DAY'S WORK, the story of a business girl who would not fall, by Martha Keeler, and

A DAILY, COMPLETE NOVELLETTE

There's Now a Story for Everybody

In the Philadelphia Public Ledger

PHILADELPHIA WOMEN FIRST IN LOAN DRIVE

Committee Has \$51,722,700 to Its Credit, With Some Returns Still Missing

The women's Liberty Loan committee of Philadelphia led the country in the amount of Liberty Loan subscriptions.

This is according to Mrs. Walter S. Thomson, chairman of the women's committee here.

Philadelphia's total to the credit of the woman's committee is \$51,722,700, with Manayunk and a few scattering returns yet to be received.

Mrs. Thomson read a telegram from Miss Antoinette Pinc, vice chairman of the national Women's Loan committee at Washington, congratulating the women of Philadelphia.

BLOCKS SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Effort to Fix Voting Time on Amendment Fails

Washington, May 6.—Woman suffrage advocates defeated in the Senate today in an effort to fix a time for a vote on the national suffrage amendment.

Opposition of Senator Smith (R., C.) blocked an agreement to vote next Thursday. Smith also objected to making the suffrage amendment special business for Thursday.

Senator Jones (R., M.) said he will move tomorrow to have it taken up Thursday. Smith indicated he will continue his opposition to taking a vote this session.

Senator Jones later renewed his motion asking that the suffrage be held a special order for Friday afternoon. This received 40 votes to 23 against it, but as this was not the required two-thirds majority the motion was defeated.

HOTTEST MAY 6 ON RECORD

89 Degrees Registered in Spring Heat Drive

Temperatures registered today exceeded those of any May 6 on record at the Philadelphia Weather Bureau. The mercury reached 89 degrees.

At high noon the official reading of the thermometer was 87 degrees. The same temperature was recorded here May 6, 1913.

Onset of the early appearance of the stink bug, which nevertheless appeared on many thousands of heads—received a jolt at noon, when the mercury climbed to 72. One hour later it had had down a perfect heat barrage and advanced 8 degrees.

Coats and vests came off hurriedly as the sweltering thousands made frantic efforts to counter this unexpected spring "heat."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROBBED

Home of J. Borton Weeks Ransacked by Burglars

"Cross-examination" of the home of Assistant District Attorney Weeks, of Delaware County, by burglars today resulted in a "verdict" awarding them a goodly amount of jewelry, watches, clothing and a wallet containing valuable papers and official passes to the Hog Island shipyard and the plant of the Remington Arms Company and the Edgemoor Muniton Corporation.

The attorney called the Detective Bureau here and asked that a description of the articles be sent out and an effort made to effect the capture of the thieves or marauders. Attorney Weeks lives at 215 West Seventh street, Chester.

BOLSHEVIK-CZARIST PLOT

Trotsky and Lenin Reported Dickering With Romanoff Party

Stockholm, May 6.—Nikolai Lenin reported to the press today that he effected an understanding with a number of officials of the former Czar's government with other extreme Romanoff partisans.

There is little definite news from Moscow, but travelers say Lenin is preparing a counter-revolution, in conjunction with the Czarists, hoping to overthrow the Bolshevik government and effect an understanding with a number of officials of the former Czar's government with other extreme Romanoff partisans.

16 SHIPS LAUNCHED IN WEEK

Tonnage for Last Seven Days Totals 89,195 Tons

Washington, May 6.—Sixteen wood and steel ships, aggregating 89,195 tons, were launched by the shipping board in the week ending May 5, it was announced today. This includes ten steel vessels and six wooden vessels.

Other tonnage acquired through contract totaled 30,180 tons, it was also announced. Of the latter there were two tankers of 10,475 tons each delivered.

ENLISTS TO AVENGE BROTHERS

Philadelphian Starts After Kaiser When Second Relative Falls

Lancaster, Pa., May 6.—Arthur E. Hedge, a native of Cork County, Ireland, enlisted today in the field artillery to avenge the deaths of two brothers, who had been killed in the British army. News of the death of the second brother, who fell as an Irish volunteer, has just been received.

"The Kaiser will pay for this," said Hedge, in true Irish brogue.

HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL

Gives Civil War Veterans 30 Per Cent Additional

Washington, May 6.—The Sherwood pension bill, increasing all civil war pensions approximately 30 per cent, with a minimum of \$25 a month and a maximum of \$50 a month, was passed by the House this afternoon.

The bill makes an appropriation of \$22,467,500 to carry out its purposes. Increases of soldiers' homes and old soldiers and sailors with a net income of \$1,000 annually are excluded from the increase granted by the bill.

POLICE WILL CLEAN UP

Must Be Neat in Appearance at All Times, Says Mills

"Clean-up Week" has extended to the police force.

Acting Superintendent Mills declared today that in the future the police force must be tidy, both in and out of the stations. Clothes must be pressed, shoes shined and buttons polished, while the patrolman, sergeant or lieutenant must wear a clean collar and be clean shaven daily.

Courtesy is to be the watchword of the station houses in the future.

WILSON DIRECTS FULL PROBE INTO AIRCRAFT CHARGE

Orders Department of Justice to Investigate Accusations by Borglum

LETTERS MADE PUBLIC

President Gives Out Corre- spondence to Show Inquiry by Sculptor Unofficial

Washington, May 6.

The White House announced today that the President has ordered an official probe of charges made by Gutzon Borglum against the aircraft production board.

Borglum made an inquiry into the work of the aircraft board at the request of the President. He charged in Congress that a ring controlled the output of aircraft and that this was the reason great progress was not made.

Having ordered Secretary of War Baker to inquire into the possible need for a court-martial hearing in the matter, the President today asked the Justice Department to sift down the Borglum charges to determine the need of Grand Jury action.

The President suggests further that any information the Senate Military Committee may have or develop in the case will be appreciated and examined by the Justice Department.

The President's purpose is not only to determine whether any American officer or civilian has been guilty of criminal mismanagement, but also to determine whether any individual has been guilty of criminal libel in bringing the charges which have cast suspicion upon the aircraft production work and which those close to the President declare are wholly reckless and unjust.

Anxious for safeguards, the President is as anxious to throw safeguards around honest and loyal Government workers in ordering the probe, in the outcome of which he is entirely confident, as he is to sift the Borglum charges for possible suitors.

The President carefully studied both the Borglum charges and the special report made by his investigating committee under H. Snowden Marshall before making his decision. It is understood that the Marshall report reveals that the only censure to be placed on those carrying on the production work is that of "over-optimism" as to possible results.

That there is no evidence of graft in expenditures of appropriations for the work is declared by those who have seen this report.

Nevertheless rumors and veiled charges followed Borglum's report and which were aired on the floor of Congress have created serious suspicion, which the President on Saturday determined to expunge by air. Meantime, it is stated that former officers who directed the work of aircraft production "have been near physical and mental collapse" as a result of the "irresponsible reports" of their work.

Never Official Investigator

The investigation was launched at the urgent request of Howard Coffin, former chairman of the board.

Simultaneously with its announcement that the Borglum probe had been ordered, the White House publicly endorsed the residence of President Wilson showing that Borglum was "never at any time constituted an official investigator."

The correspondence in its order of progression follows:

December 5, 1917.

My dear Mr. Borglum:

Your letter of November 22 to Mr. Tammity was kind enough to show me and I had meant to write to you sooner about it. Of course, what you write to me is not a letter, and I write to ask you if you will not do me the great favor of indicating as specifically as possible the weaknesses you see in our present organization in the matter of aeronautics. I would also appreciate it very warmly if you also appreciate it of their work.

They laid flowers on the grave and went back then into the long refectory, where the Irish soldiers used to dine, waited upon by these good women, who, as a sign of their love for Ireland, had painted on their walls the Irish harp, and next to it the red hand of Ulster and the little shamrock with the life, flower of France. Tedmond's grave was quiet in the

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WASHINGTON KNOCKS GREGG OUT OF BOX

Visitors Score Six Runs in First Four Rounds—Two Flies Misjudged

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

The Senators shelled Yeon Grege for six runs in the first four innings here this afternoon in the final game of the series and lead by a 6-to-2 count. Misjudged flies in the fourth did much to send Grege to the shower.

The Machmen missed a fine chance to score a bunch of runs in the third, when they had the bases filled with no one out, but a strike-out and a double play ended the rally.

The weather was hot, but less than 5000 fans were in the stands.

The Yankees open a three-game series here tomorrow.

FIRST INNING

Shotton tied to Dugan. Lavan knocked a high foul to Gardner. Milan was thrown out by McAvoy. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Jamieson's single bounced off Ayers's shin. Kopp was thrown out by Foster. Lavan ran into short left and caught Walker's pop fly. George Burns starred again with a solid triple to right, scoring Jamieson. Gardner grounded to Morgan. One run, two hits, no errors.

SECOND INNING

Shanks was thrown out by Shannon. Judge beat out a hit to Grege. Morgan walked. Foster doubled to right, scoring Judge. Morgan going to third. Ainsmith hit to Grege and Moran was run down. Grege to McAvoy to Gardner.

Poster moving to third and Ainsmith to second. Ayers singled to center, scoring Foster, but Ainsmith was out at the plate. Walker to McAvoy. Two runs, three hits, no errors.

Shannon was safe on Foster's wild throw to first, but was thrown out. Judge to Lavan, when he tried to go to third. Dugan was thrown out by Morgan. Mo-



FRANK M. HARDT

Deputy governor and cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, who has resigned to become vice president and treasurer of the Philadelphia Trust Company. The change will become effective July 1.

GERMAN PEOPLE WAIL AT LOSSES

"Time the Wicked Humbug Were Ended," Say Cap- tured Letters

WOMEN ALL MOURNING

By PHILIP GIBBS

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War Correspondents' Headquarters, May 6.

Early Sunday the British guns doubled their usual dose of harassing fire and kept the enemy's roads and assembly places under fierce bursts of shelling, so that more deaths will be notified in German villages, and the enemy's guns were very active along our front all day yesterday in Flemish villages like Fletre and La Motte and Hazebrouck and Valenciennes, with its skeleton church; then in the Lens area, by Gavrelle and Arleux, and further south above Albert, along the Ancre.

Round about Loere the French troops made a few small gains in raids and patrol actions, capturing some ruined farms and houses and some high ground south of Koudelot. The gunfire hardly ever ceases round about Loere itself and the Hospice theatre, where, as I have described, there has been bitter fighting, so that the place has been taken, lost and retaken several times by the French, with small parties of poilus led by a young officer with most gallant courage.

I know this Hospice well, and it will interest many people to be reminded that in the garden Major Willie Redmond was buried, after the battle of Wytschaete, where he fell.

In the garden there on the day of his funeral, there was a guard of honor of Ulster soldiers and Nationalist soldiers, and among the generals and staff officers, the reverend mother and her nuns, to whom the Hospice belonged.

Germany, May 6.—"The peace offensive" launched by Germany in Switzerland a week ago seems to be directed principally against English and American residents and visitors, whose letter boxes are overflowing with pamphlets.

One typical instance of the propaganda is seen in the fact that the Liebknecht revelations regarding the events leading up to the war, published in Zurich, and which have been bought by the wholehearted, have been followed by a distorted Germanophile version which is distributed gratuitously.

GERMANY BLEEDING ALLIES FOR SUPPLIES

Washington, May 6.

Germany's allies are suffering serious wants in some lines, largely through German bleeding of them to keep the west front supplied. On the other hand, England, Italy and Italy, while having their own troubles in the matter of supply, have the bright prospect of bumper crops.

These two significant facts were carried in official dispatches today. Both brought cheer here, particularly in view of published reassurances that the Pope will make no immediate peace move—a move which at this time would admittedly be to Germany's advantage.

The Teuton difficulties center largely around coal shortages, induced by the demands of the western offensive. Linked with the coal supply question is that of labor, leather and medical supplies.

"Countless trainloads of coal are being shipped across the American border into German industrial districts. Seeking unrest is brewing among Bavarian miners, who are boldly demanding 30 per cent wage increases and shorter hours, official reports here state. Coal supplies are being hoarded."

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MAN OF 68 FOUND DEAD NEAR OPEN GAS PIPE

Benjamin S. Pierson, of West Philadelphia, Believed to Have Committed Suicide

Benjamin S. Pierson, sixty-eight years old, 424 South Fourth street, was found dead in a meeting hall at 427 North Sixth street, today, apparently a suicide.

He was well-known in West Philadelphia, and was the owner of valuable real estate in that section.

Persons passing the hall smelled gas and summoned the police, who found Pierson's body in an anteroom of the hall, near a gas pipe.

Girl Attempts Suicide

Seranton, Pa., May 6.—Ruth Hughes, aged seventeen years, of North Seranton, attempted to meet her friends today because she was "written up" in a Sunday newspaper, attempted to commit suicide by drinking poison. Her condition is serious.

Trolley Car Kills Little Girl

Ruth Tetofsky, three years old, was killed by a trolley car in front of her home, 811 South Fourth street, dying in Mount Sinai Hospital. The motorman, Joseph Todin, 445 St. Luke's street, was held without bail for a hearing today.

BALFOUR DENIES PEACE "FEELER" THROUGH HAGUE

Berlin Proffer Reported Made by Former Dutch War Minister

CONCESSIONS RUMORED

Renounces Claims in West. Restores Belgium. Fav- ors Italy

London, May 6.

Foreign Secretary Balfour, replying to a query in the House of Commons this afternoon, declared that no peace offer had been made to the Allies recently and that no representatives of any neutrals were here who had made any tentative offer of informal peace negotiations.

Regarding the reported German peace proposals, through Holland, Mr. Balfour said:

"It is all a mare's nest."

The Hague, via London, May 6.

It is believed that the Dutch personage who is reported to have gone to London with German Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann's peace proposals is former Dutch War Minister Coln.

Great reserve is maintained, but in certain German quarters it is reported that proposals already have been made to Downing street, inspired directly from Wilhelmstrasse, as follows:

Germany renounces all claims in the West.

Belgium to be restored fully as an autonomous State.

Alsace-Lorraine to be given full autonomy within the German federation.

The status in the east to be as now.

Austria to make certain Trentino concessions to Italy.

Balkan questions to be solved by an international conference.

A conference of all belligerents to solve all colonial questions affecting Africa and Asia Minor.

Germany to abandon all claims to Kiaochow, but to require certain economic concessions in China.

(Kiaochow, which Germany promised to give up, was a leasehold on the Chinese coast. Germany obtained a ninety-year lease on the tract and built a strong fort there. The fort was attacked by Japanese and British forces at the outbreak of the war and it was reduced. The Allies then occupied Kiaochow.)

There is a disposition in German circles to speak freely of the new proposals which, it is reported, have already been made known to the British Foreign Office, dispatches received here indicate. It is regarded as certain that they were inspired from Berlin.

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PLUNKETT SEES GRAVE CRISIS IN BRITAIN'S POLICY

LONDON, May 6.—Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the Irish convention, writing today to the Express, declared that "in its gravest crisis the British Empire has staked its existence on the twofold Irish policy of conscription and home rule." The present Government cannot achieve both, he said.

FLYING INSTRUCTOR KILLED IN TEXAS

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 6.—Lieutenant Keop, of East Wilton, Mass., instructor in flying at the American field here, died today from injuries received in a fall Friday. He is the fifty-fifth aviator killed here since October 30.

CAMDEN MAN KILLED IN WAR

Ernest Eckersley, twenty-four, son of David Eckersley, 1005, Penn street, Camden, has been killed on the west front, while fighting with the Lancashire Fusiliers, according to a cablegram received from the British War Office.

FAST RUN OVER DERBY COURSE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 6.—War Cloud, A. K. Macomber's candidate for the Kentucky derby, to be run here Saturday at Churchill Downs, worked the derby route, a mile and a quarter here today in 2:05 2-5. This is said to be the fastest time in trial ever made for the derby.

OREGON OFFICER KILLED ON MONTDIDIER FRONT

PARIS, May 6.—Major A. Rasmussen, of Portland, Ore., was killed by a German shell while leading his men in a recon- naissance on the Montdidier front. Rasmussen served in the Canadian American Legion before being transferred to the Ameri- can expeditionary force.

AMERICAN OFFICER ILL OF PTOMAINE POISONING

LONDON, May 6.—Lieutenant W. A. Hamilton, adjutant general of the American forces in England, is critically ill with a form of ptomaine poisoning.

SEVEN BELIEVED DYING FOLLOWING EXPLOSION

BUFFALO, May 6.—Seven workmen are believed dying following an explosion in the National Aniline and Chemical Company's plant here today. A mixture of chemicals caused the explosion.

ANGLO-FRENCH WIN GROUND IN PICARDY, ENEMY LOSSES BIG

Progress Made on Both Sides of Somme

INITIATIVE NOW WITH ALLIES

Positions Also Are Im- proved on Flanders Front

ADVANCE DESPITE STRONG OPPOSITION

French War Office Reports Successful Oper- tions

DRIVE IN ITALY SEEN

German Assault on Belgium Indicates New Blow in in North

PARIS, May 6.

The Germans, when they renew their offensive on the western front, may deliver a double drive, according to General Berthaut.

Writing in the Matin, General Berthaut said: "What is most probable is that the Flanders hills will undergo a new attack independent of that which may